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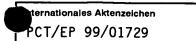
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VI Certain documents	cited				
VII Certain defects in t	he international application	on			
VIII Certain observations on the international application					
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I. Basis	of the	report			
1. This r	eport Article	has been drawn of	on the basis of (in this report as	Replacement shee "originally filed"	its which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):
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Reasoned statement under Article 3 citations and explanations supporti	35(2) with regard to novelty, ng such statement	inventive step or industrial app	licability;
Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

 The application relates to a miniaturized microtiter plate.

The dimensions indicated in Claim 1 for the diameter of the vessels, the layer thickness of the glass base and the distance between the outer vessels and the edge of the glass base cannot be derived from the documents cited in the search report.

EP-A-0542422 describes a microtiter plate of which the floor is made of plastic and of which the wells have a diameter of approximately 2 mm.

In the microtiter plate according to EP-A-0571661, the base is made of plastic and is 1.5 mm thick. WO 98/31466 discloses a microtiter plate with a plastics floor which is 2.5 mm thick.

US-A-5587321 does not indicate the diameter of the vessels or the base thickness.

Owing to the claimed features, analyses can be carried out with the microtiter plate using confocal optics, which was not possible with conventional microtiter plates.

Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2 to 4 therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33.

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VIII. C	Certain	observations	on the	international	application
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The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 1 should specify clearly that the bodies of the microtiter plate are made of plastic (PCT Article 6). The use of parentheses should be avoided.



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	\boxtimes	Non-establishment of	opinion with regard to novelty, in	novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability					
l IV		Lack of unity of inventi							
V	⊠	Reasoned statement u	inder Article 35(2) with regard to ions suporting such statement	novelty, inv	entive step or industrial applicability;				
l v		Certain documents cit							
VII		Certain defects in the	international application						
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I.	Basis	of	the	r	port	

 This report has been drawn on the basis of (substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed the report since they do not contain amendments.): 								
	Des	cription, pages:						
	1-8		as originally filed					
	Clai	ms, No.:						
	1-19)	as originally filed					
	Dra	wings, sheets:						
	1/4-	4/4	as originally filed					
2.	The	amendments have	e resulted in the cancellation of:					
		the description,	pages:					
		the claims,	Nos.:					
		the drawings,	sheets:					
3.		This report has be considered to go	een established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):					
4.	Ado	litional observation	ns, if necessary:					
111.	. Noi	n-establishment o	of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability					
Th or	ne qu to b	estions whether the industrially applic	ne claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), cable have not been examined in respect of:					
		the entire int mat	tional application.					
	×	claims Nos. 5, 7,	9-16.					
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	Ø	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 1-4, 6, 8, 17-19 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (<i>specify</i>):									
		see separate sheet									
		the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):									
		the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion									
	_	could be formed.									
	×	no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 5, 7, 9, 12.									
IV.	Lac	k of unity of invention									
1.	In re	esponse to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:									
		restricted the claims.									
		paid additional fees.									
		paid additional fees under protest.									
	×	neither restricted nor paid additional fees.									
2.		This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.									
3.	This	s Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is									
		complied with.									
	☒	not complied with for the following reasons:									
		see separate sheet									
4.		nsequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary Imination in establishing this report:									
		all parts.									
	\boxtimes	the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-4, 6, 8, 17-19.									

- V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes:

Claims

No:

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 17-19

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

Yes: No:

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 17-19

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-19

Yes: No:

Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Point IV.

See item 2. below.

Re Point V.

1. An apparatus for providing a flow of washing fluid to apparatus (Polymerisationsreaktoren) for handling flowable particulate material is known from DE-A-36 37 060, comprising an inlet and an outlet (7) for washing fluid and including a device (4, 9) for delivering washing liquid and for obviating flow of particulate material to the inlet.

The device (4) is a non-return valve.

The non-return valve comprises a slidable member (4) mounted under pressure of means (6) biasing said member towards the inlet.

The slidable member comprises a valve poppet (4, 5) and the means biasing the poppet (5) towards the inlet comprises a spring (6).

The valve poppet (4, 5) comprises a part (5) for sealing engagement with a complementary part (22) of a body of the device whereby to obviate reverse flow through the inlet.

The valve poppet is mounted for slidable engagement in a bore (lower part of housing 3) of the device and comprising means (bore of poppet (4) and outlets (7)) to allow passage of fluid from the inlet to the outlet along the bore.

Claims 1 to 4, 6 and 8 lack novelty and do not meet, thus, the requirements of Article 33 of the PCT.

2. The subject-matter of the independent claim is already known (see the grounds for this objection above). The requisite unity of invention (Rule 13.1 PCT) therefore no longer exists inasmuch as a technical relationship involving one or

more of the same or corresponding special technical features in the sense of Rule 13.2 PCT does not exist between the subject-matter of the following groups of dependent claims:

Claim 5:

Spring is mounted internally of the poppet;

claim 7:

Frusto-conical engagement parts;

claim 9:

Passage is an orifice through the wall of the poppet;

claims 10, 11: Nozzle(s); rotary nozzle(s);

claims 12, 13: An (undefined) device (21);

claims 14, 15: An undefined device (31); retractable;

claim 16:

Floating impeller;

- Claim 17 is redundant with claim 1, lacks novelty (Article 33 PCT) and 3. conciseness (Article 6 PCT).
- The same seems to be true for claims 18 and 19. 4.

Re Point VII.

- Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art 5. disclosed in the document DE-A-36 37 060 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.
- The references to figures 3 and 4 on pages 7 and 8 seem to be inverted. 6.

Re Point VIII.

- The application contains no explanation of the meaning of IBC and MATCON, 7. found on page 1.
- Although the independent claim is drafted in the two-part form, the features listed 8. in item 1. above are incorrectly placed in the characterising portion, as they are disclosed in document DE-A-36 37 060 in combination with the features placed in

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the preamble (Rule 6.3(b) PCT).

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1. Dieser Bericht wurde erstellt auf der Grundlage (Ersatzblätter, die dem Anmeldeamt auf eine Aufforderung nach Artikel 14 hin vorgelegt wurden, gelten im Rahmen dieses Berichts als "ursprünglich eingereicht" und sind ihm nicht beigefügt, weil sie keine Änderungen enthalten.):

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		Ansprüche,	Nr.:								
		Zeichnungen,	Blatt:								
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	gev	verblichen Anwendl	barkeit; Un	terlage	n und Erklär	ungen z	zur Stütz	ung dies	er Fests	tellung	
1.	Fes	ststellung									
	Ne	uheit (N)		Ja: Nein:	Ansprüche Ansprüche	1-4					
	Erf	nderische Tätigkeit (l	ET)	Ja: Nein:	Ansprüche Ansprüche	1-4					
	Ge	werbliche Anwendba	rkeit (GA)	Ja: Nein:	Ansprüche Ansprüche	1-4					

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2. Unterlagen und Erklärungen

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VIII. Bestimmte Bemerkungen zur internationalen Anmeldung

Zur Klarheit der Patentansprüche, der Beschreibung und der Zeichnungen oder zu der Frage, ob die Ansprüche in vollem Umfang durch die Beschreibung gestützt werden, ist folgendes zu bemerken:

siehe Beiblatt

- Die Anmeldung betrifft eine miniaturisierte Mikrotiterplatte. 1.
 - Die im Anspruch 1 angegebenen Dimensionen für den Durchmesser der Gefäße, für die Schichtdicke des Glasbodens und für den Abstand zwischen den äußeren Gefäßen und dem Rand des Glasbodens sind aus den im Recherchenbericht zitierten Dokumenten nicht ableitbar.
 - In EP-A-0542422 wird eine Mikrotiterplatte beschrieben, deren Boden aus Kunststoff gebildet ist und deren Wells einen Durchmesser von ca 2 mm haben. In der Mikrotiterplatte gemäß EP-A-0571661 ist der Boden aus Kunstoff und hat eine Dicke von 1.5 mm.
 - WO 98/31466 offenbart eine Mikrotiterplatte mit einem Kunststoffboden, der eine Dicke von 2.5 mm hat.
 - In US-A-5587321 werden keine Angaben über den Durchmesser der Gefäße oder die Bodendicke gemacht.
 - Durch die beanspruchten Merkmale können mit der Mikrotiterplatte Analysen mit Hilfe einer konfokalen Optik durchgeführt werden, was mit konventionellen Mikrotiterplatten nicht möglich war.
 - Anspruch 1 und die abhängigen Ansprüche 2-4 erfüllen somit die Erfordernisse des Art. 33 PCT.
- Im Anspruch 1 sollte klargestellt werden, daß der Körper der Mikrotiterplatte aus 2. Kunststoff besteht (Art. 6 PCT). Die Benutzung von Klammern ist zu vermeiden.